



Gambling Alert - Nov. 30, 2018



No gambling bills passed in the Veto Session, but the session will continue with "lame duck" legislators on January 7 and 8, 2019. New Legislators for the 101st General Assembly will be sworn in on January 9.

EDITORIAL: The house always wins, but do we?

The report says adding casinos in Chicago, Rockford and four other locales, adding three racetrack casinos and adding more gaming positions at existing casinos would increase overall revenues by \$1 billion, but would increase tax revenues by about \$75 million.

"The state could have a large expansion of gambling, but yet have little new tax revenues to show for it," the report said. [Read more](#)

State may look at spread of video gambling

"I'm hearing from many constituents, I'm hearing from mayors and others who are saying, these things are all over the place," Barickman said. "And while on the one hand, there is certainly an argument in favor of the notion that if people want to spend their money and make those choices, then have at it. On the other hand, there is a burden with having those facilities on every street corner."

Barickman hasn't said what lawmakers should do. [Read more](#)

Springfield gamblers lost millions of dollars to video gambling

Since gambling became legal in the state of Illinois, it has brought in millions of dollars, but according to addiction experts, gambling creates more than just revenue.

"It parallels alcohol addiction," said Anita Bedell, Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems executive director. The city of Springfield currently has 594 video gambling machines and gambling experts believe that accessibility can make it easier to become addicted. [Read more](#)

Oak Park bans sweepstakes gambling machines

Ordinance prevents video gambling loophole seen in other municipalities

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Rise in gambling ad spend fuels fears over impact on children [Read](#)

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